

Mission of the Holy Spirit

Sunday School Lesson for May 10, 1908
Specially Prepared for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—John 15:25-16:34.
Memory verse, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever."—John 14:16.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.—The Holy Spirit: Matt. 28:19; Luke 1:35; John 1:33; Acts 1:6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:18; 2 Tim. 1:14; 1 John 2:20; Rev. 22:17. Names of the Holy Spirit: John 15:26; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 5:22; 1 Thes. 5:19; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:11; 1 J. 4:14; Rev. 22:17. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament: Gen. 1:2; Ex. 31:3; Num. 27:18; Judg. 6:34; Neh. 9:30; Job. 33:4; Psa. 111:1; Isa. 40:13; 48:16; Ezek. 37:14; 39:29; Mic. 2:15; Zech. 4:6; 12:10; Sins Against the Holy Spirit: Matt. 12:31; Mark 3:29; Acts 5:3; 8:13; 13:9; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19; Heb. 10:29. The Holy Spirit and Prayer: Zech. 12:10; Luke 11:13; Acts 4:31; Rom. 8:26, 27; Eph. 6:18; 1 Cor. 12:13. The Teacher and Transformer: Luke 12:12; John 15:26; 16:13, 14; Acts 2:4, 38; 8:29; 9:17; 13:9; 14:28; 15:8; 16:6; 17:3; 18:26; 19:1; 20:7; 21:4; 22:3; 23:6; 24:14; 25:24; 26:10; 27:10; 28:25; 29:10; 30:10; 31:10; 32:10; 33:10; 34:10; 35:10; 36:10; 37:10; 38:10; 39:10; 40:10; 41:10; 42:10; 43:10; 44:10; 45:10; 46:10; 47:10; 48:10; 49:10; 50:10; 51:10; 52:10; 53:10; 54:10; 55:10; 56:10; 57:10; 58:10; 59:10; 60:10; 61:10; 62:10; 63:10; 64:10; 65:10; 66:10; 67:10; 68:10; 69:10; 70:10; 71:10; 72:10; 73:10; 74:10; 75:10; 76:10; 77:10; 78:10; 79:10; 80:10; 81:10; 82:10; 83:10; 84:10; 85:10; 86:10; 87:10; 88:10; 89:10; 90:10; 91:10; 92:10; 93:10; 94:10; 95:10; 96:10; 97:10; 98:10; 99:10; 100:10.

PLACE.—The upper room in Jerusalem.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

This lesson, which follows immediately upon last Sunday's, being another portion of our Lord's last discourse to his disciples, is one of great and unique importance. "The promise of the Holy Spirit," says Maurice, "is the characteristic of the Christian era; it is the promise which distinguishes them from our Lord's discourses to the multitude." This was a promise to the disciples alone, for the world outside (John 14:17) could not receive the Comforter, their hearts not being prepared for him. It was a promise precisely suited to the need of the disciples, in view of the coming separation from their Lord. It taught them that there was to be no separation, but that Christ, in his Holy Spirit, would still be with them. Therefore it is a promise suited to the need of Christians of all ages, who long for a present guide, comfort, and upholder. The Holy Spirit is Christ's successor among men; and therefore what can be more important for Christ's followers than to know him, love him, and obey him? Our Lord disclosed him under five aspects:

I. The Holy Spirit a witness to Christ (vs. 26, 27).

II. The Holy Spirit a comforter in trial (vs. 1-7).

III. The Holy Spirit a judge of the world (vs. 8-11).

IV. The Holy Spirit a guide to truth (vs. 12-15).

V. The joy and power of the spirit's reign (vs. 16-24).

Christ foretold what the spirit would do in the world when he is come. He was to do three things:

1. "Reprove" (R. V., "convict") the world of (R. V., "in respect of") sin. "By the world must be understood the yet unbelieving part of mankind, so denominated because it was far the larger part, when these words were spoken, as it still is."—American Commentary. The verb has a double sense, "of a convicting unto salvation, and a convicting unto condemnation."—Alford. The sin of the world is "because they believe not on" Christ (v. 9). It is a notable proof of Christ's divinity that he, the meek and lowly, should select this unbelief in himself as "the only sin worth mentioning. Yet, indeed, it is the root of all other sins whatsoever. It is the reigning as well as the damning sin of the world."—George Whitefield. "The essence of sin is living to self. Belief in Christ is the surrender of self."—Alexander MacLaren, D. D. As belief of Christ is the beginning of all good for man, disbelief of him is the beginning of all evil.

2. The Holy Spirit would also convict the world in respect "of righteousness, because I go to my Father." The first step in the spirit's work is conviction of sin; the second is the exhibition of righteousness. "The Holy Spirit on earth as the pattern for all mankind being completed, the spirit makes known to man the nature of that life, and thus shows what the nature of righteousness is."—Cambridge Bible.

3. The Holy Spirit would also convict the world in respect "of judgment, because the prince of this world is (R. V., "hath been") judged." "The prince of this world" (see John 12:31; 14:30) is Satan, the ruler of all such forces of evil as Judas had now become. "Jesus knew that there was a personal devil. That settles it."—Deems. "However ludicrous vulgar superstitions may have made the notion, there is nothing ridiculous, nor anything which we have the right to call incredible, in Christ's solemn declaration that the kingdom of darkness has a king."—Alexander MacLaren, D. D.

The judgment that the Holy Spirit gives is not only a condemnation and casting out of Satan, but it is an enlightenment of the righteous, so that they can form a just judgment regarding the works of the devil.

The spirit will guide us "into all truth." "Dear children," said old John Tauler (A. D. 1340), "the Holy Ghost will not teach us all things in the sense that we shall be given to know whether there will be a good harvest or vintage, whether bread will be dear or cheap, whether the present war will come to an end soon. No, dear children; but he will teach us all things which we can need for a perfect life." And especially, "he will show you things to come,"—the revelation given to John;—the constitution of the church, laid down by Paul and the other apostles:

BACON MAY SUCCEED TAFT.

Assistant Secretary of State Likely to Head War Department.

Boston.—The intimate personal friends of Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, formerly of Boston, have received information which leads them to believe that Mr. Bacon will become secretary of war about July 1 next, succeeding Secretary Taft, who is understood to be desirous of retiring from the cabinet at that time.

The determination of Secretary Taft to retire is said to be quite definite, and is understood not to be dependent upon the outcome of the national convention.

Mr. Bacon was born in this city and was particularly prominent in athletic while attending Harvard university, being captain of the varsity crew. He was a classmate of President Roosevelt.

He was connected with the banking firm of E. Rollins Morse & Co. until 1899, when he became a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, where he has since made his home. He married a Miss Carlton of New York.

His friends in this city, upon hearing of his reported advancement, were not surprised, for something of such a nature had been anticipated.

HOUSE OF LITHOGRAPHIC STONE.

Home in Nuremberg, Germany, Coveted by Many.

Berlin.—Lithographers look at it and sigh. It is a plain, plastered stone house about 50 yards from the ancient city hall of Nuremberg, Germany. There is nothing to distinguish it from the other old houses of the neighborhood except that it is built of lithographic stone, worth from six to 21 cents a pound. So lithographers who go to Nuremberg wander from the town tourist trails to see the wonder. The house was built about 1680, nearly 100 years before Alois Senefelder, the discoverer of lithography, was born. Andreas Lichtenstein, who built it, took the stone easiest to get and secured it for the trouble of carrying it away. Now the material in the building is worth about \$4,000.

The present Andreas Lichtenstein, a descendant of the man who built the house, has said "Nein" about once a month for the last 20 years to speculators who want to buy his home and tear it down for the stone. It is his home and that of his forefathers and he refuses to part with it. So lithographers, with thoughts of rising prices, look and sigh.

Lithographic stone is found in commercial quantities only in Bavaria. The largest quarries are near Nuremberg.

Chinamen Take Up Skating Fad.

Whether it be owing to Christianity, civilization or Americanization, matters not, but the Chicago Chinaman is "getting there." He has taken to roller skates, says the Chicago Examiner.

With him it has become a case of "roll, roll, roll along," but instead of "over the dark, blue sea," as when he came from the "Celestial kingdom," it is across and along the pavements of the "chop suey district."

That he enjoys the sport is attested by the increasing numbers seen nightly in Clark and adjacent streets.

It seems odd to see these so-called heathen going with the wind, their queues flying behind them, and the straps of their skates pressed down deeply into their well padded sandals.

The missionary didn't teach John Chinaman to skate. He got the inspiration from his children, and they learned it from their American schoolmates.

Averted an Excuse.

"I noticed," remarked the piano stool to the parlor lamp, "that you started to smoke last night when Miss Verner was entertaining Mr. Timmid."

"Yes," replied the lamp, "I saw she was just waiting for an excuse to turn me down."

Looked On as Form of Bribery.

Controller Wilson of Chicago has ruled that no telephone, traction, electric light or other public utility corporation can make contributions to hospitals or other charities.

CHANGES IN THE SAHARA.

Slow-Moving Caravans Superseded by Motor Car.

With the limitless desert we associate the caravan. Its mention brings before our mental vision the image of the long line of humped animals silhouetted in the clear atmosphere and swinging forward with rhythmic, graceful motion. We think of these common carriers as in Abraham's time. In western lands the change from burros and the mule pack-trains seems natural enough; we should expect that the puffing locomotive of the steam railway would follow the trail over the mountains, through gorges and canyons, across valleys, and finally obliterate it. A score of such changing pictures rise before our eyes, and in reading of transportation improvements, the shortening routes, we recall how literally the pioneer railroad builders followed the trails. In these days we seldom see a pack-train without wondering how long it will be till the railway replaces it.

Yet how rarely the sight of the caravan causes the same reflection. For ages the camels have wound across the billowy seas of sandy plains; what is there to suggest that they will not continue to carry the commerce of arid regions for ages still to come?

First, then, the motor car is to be reckoned with in the transformation. It is used by British engineers and military officers in the Sudan. Various Egyptian desert roads are available for it. On the edges of the Sahara long automobile trips are not infrequent. Some use will develop for passengers, some for mail and probably also for light freight. But it will not supplant the camel caravans or anticipate the railway lines. Its functions have not reached that point. We feel nothing incongruous in the sight of a big red motor car, a roadster, carrying its load of engineers across the vast stretches of Egypt and the Sudan or the edges of the Sahara, for we associate this vehicle with the personality of its occupants. But the locomotive and the chain of cars are associated with the landscape of the region traversed and the leisurely camels seem much more a part of the regions of drifting sands than do the trailing column of smoke, the fire-spitting engine, and the loosely jointed train.—Scribner's.

Several Deaths from Consumption.

Dr. Fraenkel, of Berlin, in a paper recently read before the Society of Medicine of that city, gave striking figures concerning the war waged by medicine against consumption. In 1881 the death rate from this dire disease was 32.5 in every 10,000, and the latest return shows that it has been reduced to 17.25. This satisfactory state of things Dr. Fraenkel attributes partly to the discoveries of Koch, and he divides the honors equally between prophylactic methods and the system of isolation now widely practiced in Germany.

Cement Dwellings for Laborers.

According to the Cement Age, a South American agent who has been in this country in the interests of the municipal governments of San Paulo and Rio Janeiro, states that it is the intention of these municipalities to build cement houses in large numbers for the accommodation of the laboring element in the population, who in the past have been badly housed at exorbitant rentals. Rio Janeiro alone will build 5,000 houses at a cost of approximately \$9,000,000.

Propose Study of Tea.

The Chinese board of agriculture is considering the advisability of establishing a department for the study and encouragement of tea cultivation, with branches in the provinces where tea is now produced.

New York City Banks.

Twenty years ago the fact was made much of that New York City boasted 100 banks and trust companies. Today, however, the greater city has no fewer than 212 institutions of this character.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY.—Cattle—Choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.40@5.50; fair to good, \$5.25@5.30; western steers, \$5.00@5.10; stockers and feeders, \$4.50@5.00; southern steers, \$4.50@5.00; southern cows, \$4.25@5.00; native cows, \$4.25@5.00; native heifers, \$4.50@5.00; bulls, \$4.50@5.00; calves, \$5.00@5.75; Hogs—Heavy, \$5.00@5.75; packers and butchers, \$5.00@5.65; light, \$5.30@5.60; pigs, \$4.40@4.50.

CHICAGO.—Cattle—Steers, \$5.00@7.25; cows, \$3.75@6.25; heifers, \$3.50@6.75; bulls, \$3.50@6.30; calves, \$2.50@9.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.75. Hogs—Choice heavy shipping, \$5.70@5.80; butchers, \$5.75@5.85; light mixed, \$5.60@5.80; choice light, \$5.70@5.80; packing, \$5.10@5.70; pigs, \$4.25@5.35.

ST. LOUIS.—Cattle—Native shipping and export steers, \$5.25@7.15; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$5.00@6.15; steers under 1,000 lbs., \$4.75@5.30; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.25; cows and heifers, \$3.75@6.40; canners, \$2@3; bulls, \$2.25@5; calves, \$2.50@6.00; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.25@6.50; cows and heifers, \$1.75@4.25; Hogs—Pigs and lights, \$3.75@5.80; packers, \$4.75@5.80; butchers and best heavy, \$5.75@6.00.

Grain Markets.

KANSAS CITY.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, 97¢@98¢; No. 3, 94¢@95¢; No. 2 red, 95¢@96¢; No. 3, 92¢@93¢; Corn—No. 2 mixed, 64¢@65¢; No. 3, 64¢@64½¢; No. 2 white, 64¢; No. 3, 63½¢@64¢; Oats—No. 2 white, 45¢@46¢; No. 2 mixed, 45¢@45½¢.

CHICAGO.—Wheat—No. 2 spring, 96¢@1.10; No. 2 red, 94½¢@95½¢; Corn—No. 2, 67½¢@68¢; No. 2 yellow, 68¢@69¢; Oats—No. 2, 50¢; No. 2 white, 53½¢; No. 3 white, 50¢@52½¢; Barley—Fair to choice malting, 70¢@75¢; Flaxseed—No. 1 Northwestern, \$1.21½.

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PEORIA.—Corn—No. 2 yellow, 67¢@68¢; No. 3 yellow, 66¢@67¢; No. 3, 66¢@67¢; No. 4, 64½¢; No. 4, 64½¢; No. 4, 64½¢; Oats—No. 2 white, 50½¢@51½¢; No. 4 white, 48½¢@49½¢.

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WHAT MR. KALTENBRUNNER HAS TO SAY ABOUT HIS GRAIN CROPS IN CENTRAL CANADA.

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